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For first nine homes in Elba's ongoing flood buyout program
Elba officials say FEMA approved sending
out letters on appraisals totalling \$468,000

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the most recent Elba City Council meeting, it was reported that FEMA had approved the appraisals for the first nine homes included in the 2015 flood buyout program for the city. Assistant city clerk Pat Boothe said the city had received approval from FEMA to send out letters to the first nine program participants regarding the appraisal offers for the properties. She said \$468,000 in appraisals were approved with the first nine homes.

Mayor Mickey Murdock said the letters being sent to the property owners would offer three options – 1. Accept the offer based on the appraisal amount; 2. Reject the offer completely; or 3. Opt to have another appraisal completed at the property owner's expense. He also noted there was a time limit on these options for response by the property owner.

Boothe told council members the state department of transportation (DOT) had completed inspections on three bridges in the city – one on Caroline



Officials with the Corp of Engineers were in Elba recently for the annual inspection of levee. Initial indications were that the inspection went very well.

Street, the bridge on the school campus road; and a bridge on Larkin Road. She said code enforcement officer Bryson Dear had participated in these inspections with DOT officials.

Also, Boothe noted the Corp of Engineers had completed its annual inspection of the levee. She said based on feedback from officials during the inspection, Elba anticipates getting back a very good report once all data has been analyzed.

An ongoing issue regard trash pickup within the city limits had council members suggesting overtime be allowed to get things caught back up. City officials had said they would be running

two trucks to catch up on trash pickup; however,

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NOTICE:

The drive-thru window at Elba City Hall may continue to be utilized for all city business. However, Elba City Hall is now open for appointments only effective Monday, June 1st. Call (334) 897-2333 to schedule an appointment to conduct business inside the building. "The city hall employee you visit will be wearing a face mask and practice social distancing," said Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock. "In return, we ask that all visitors wear a face mask and practice social distancing."



Elba Farmers Market opens
Saturday, June 6, at 8 a.m.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Giving the people of Elba an opportunity to purchase locally grown fruits, veggies, herbs, plants, and lots more becomes a reality this Saturday, June 6, when the Elba Farmers Market opens for the summer.

Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, said bringing a farmers market to Elba had been a focus for the city over the past couple of years, but a resurgence of interest over the past six months or so really brought it home.

"We have some very enthusiastic and energetic volunteers on this committee, and they have worked extremely hard to get the Elba Farmers Market up and going," Bynum said. "It has been great watching their desire to make this happen for Elba."

On Saturday, all the hard work will pay off when the market officially opens. The day will begin with a ribbon cutting at 8 a.m., and then

the shopping will begin.

The Elba Farmers Market will be open from June – August from 8 a.m. – 12 noon each Saturday. It is located on a commercial lot next to the Elba Gulf Travel Center on the Highway 203 Bypass in Elba.

Committee members extended thanks to Wayne and Betty Lawford of Elba for use of their lot for the Elba Farmer's Market, which will be set up under a giant tent erected by Pope Tents of Elba.

"We are extremely excited to help bring the farmers market to Elba and the surround communities," said committee member Destiny Hudson. "This is a great opportunity for local buyers and growers. It has been fun learning throughout this process and encouraging to see others step up to help make this a reality."

When the market opens this Saturday, there will be a multitude of different vendors on site to sell their locally grown and/or made products. The list of vendors includes:

- A&R Honey Bee Farm – honey, garlic, ginger
- Allen's Dr Creek Market – baskets, flowers, boiled peanuts
- Andrea and Jamie Hudson – corn, cucumbers, eggs, jelly, peppers, pickles, squash
- Buddy Clark – cantaloupe, corn, peppers, tomatoes, watermelon, flowers, plants
- Carolyn Hocutt – eggs
- Heather Lawless – herbs, planters, plants
- Jason Hodge – birdhouses
- Mayim Farms – greens, herbs, mushrooms, tomatoes
- Robin Kyle – beans, corn, cucumbers, fruits, jams, jellies, okra, peas, peppers, squash, tomatoes
- Shirley Scofield – corn, cucumbers, eggs, okra, peas, peppers, squash, tomatoes
- Sweet Monkeys – cakes, cupcakes, cookies
- The Magnolia Oaks – blackberries, blueberries, bread, grapevine wreaths, jams, leather goods.

For more information or to inquire about selling products at the Elba Farmers Market, send an email to elbafarmersmarket@gmail.com. Also, the market organizers can be reached via Facebook @ Elba Farmers Market.

"We hope everyone will come check out what is offered each week and support the Elba Farmers Market so it can continue for years to come," Hudson said.

Troy man arrested on rape and sexual abuse charges

Coffee County Sheriff's authorities arrested a Troy, Ala. man Tuesday, May 26, in connection to an alleged sexual assault that occurred Monday, May 25, in Coffee County.

According to information from the sheriff's department, deputies and investigators met with the victim Monday at Medical Center Enterprise, and the case was discussed with officials from the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

The following morning, Tuesday, May 26, Jeffrey Marlon Hamm, age 52, of Troy was arrested and charged with rape – first degree and sexual abuse – first degree. He was placed at that time in the Coffee County Jail, where he later was released on a \$75,000 bond [\$60,000 for the rape charge and \$15,000 for the



Jeffrey Marlon Hamm (sexual abuse charge).

Hamm, owner and operator of M. Hamm Construction LLC in Troy, was, according to District Attorney Tom Anderson, a contractor helping bush hog a field for the victim's husband as a Father's Day gift in Coffee County where the incident allegedly took place.

Chelsea Cooper announces candidacy for Mayor of Elba

Chelsea Cooper, age 36, is running for mayor of Elba, Alabama.

First and foremost, among Cooper's priorities is building an Elba in which residents can build careers and support families.

"Gavin and I grew up in Elba, started kindergarten and graduated high school together," Cooper said. "We did what our parents did, went off for college, then went back home. We want to make sure our children have the opportunity to do the same."

Chelsea and Gavin's oldest, Cora, is a second grader at Elba Elementary. They look forward to her little sister, Farris, joining her in pre-kindergarten at Elba Elementary.

"We believe in our schools, in the quality of education we received and in doing everything we can to strengthen and promote that quality in the future," Cooper said. "My grand-



Chelsea Cooper

mother, Louise Bozeman, taught at Elba Elementary. I believe in the values she espoused in her career: work hard, stay humble, and know that every student who walks through our doors has the potential to change history."

Cooper said she's proud of the work she has done with Restoration 154 and the Giving Garden in promoting downtown Elba and helping build a city that is more equitable for all its citizens and plans to build on

that work as mayor.

"But it's not about what we've done," she said. "It's about what we can, and will, do. Our brightest times weren't before the 1990 flood," Cooper said. "They weren't before Kleinert's left the country or Ben E. Keith left Elba. Our brightest times are ahead. I look forward to taking Elba there."

Public safety is another big priority for Cooper.

"My mama lives two doors down from us downtown," Cooper said. "She was burglarized five times. My own home was burglarized twice. That isn't acceptable. Anywhere. Period."

Cooper believes that promoting affordable housing and achieving consistent oversight of our homeless population are critical to achieving these public safety goals.

"I am a Christian, and I believe in caring for the least among us," she said. "Everyone needs a place to lay their head, but that place isn't, nor should it be, in abandoned buildings or our public spaces."

As to management of the city's government, Cooper believes that should be left to elected, not appointed, officials.

"Everyone who works for the City of Elba works for the citizens of Elba," she said. "They have a job to do, but you fund their sal-

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Elba Municipal Court returns to session Tuesday, June 9, beginning at 8 a.m.

Court will resume at the Elba Municipal Court on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

This will be the April, May and June term. Trials will begin at 8 a.m.; Non-Payment at 9 a.m.; Traffic at 10 a.m.; and Initial Appearance at 1 p.m.

The only persons allowed in court are the defendants and witnesses. Temperatures will be taken at the door. Anyone running a fever will not be allowed in court.

Also, all defendants and witnesses are encouraged to wear a mask.

All are reminded to come at their appointed time. The court will have a limited number of people allowed to enter at a time.

2020 Atlantic hurricane season predicted by NOAA officials to be above-normal this year

The Atlantic hurricane season began Monday, June 1, and continues through Nov. 30th, and forecasters with the NOAA [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] Climate Prediction Center – a division of the National Weather Service – predicts an above-normal 2020 season.

The outlook predicts a 60 percent chance of an above-normal season, a 30 percent chance of a near-normal season, and only a 10 percent chance of a below-normal season. The forecast is for a likely range of 13 to 19 named storms [winds of 39 mph or higher], of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes [winds of 74 mph or higher], including 3 to 6 major hurricanes [category 3, 4, or 5 – with winds of 111 mph or higher].

According to NOAA officials, an average hurricane season produces 12 named storms, of which six become hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

"June 1 marks the first day of hurricane season, and as we know, Alabama is far too familiar with the uncertainty and damage that accompanies any severe weather," Alabama Governor Kay Ivey said on Monday of this week. "The National Weather Service is predicting an above-normal 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs now through November 30. As our country focuses on safely reopening our economy and combatting a health pandemic, it is also vitally important we remember to make preparations now for any severe weather, because hurricanes, tornadoes and severe weather will not wait for us to be ready. Hurricane preparedness must still be a focus for every Alabamian."

The combination of several climate factors is driving the strong likelihood for above-normal activity in the Atlantic this year. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are expected to either remain neutral or to trend toward La Nina, meaning there will not be an El Nino present to suppress hurricane activity. Also, warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, coupled with reduced vertical wind shear, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds, and an enhanced west African monsoon all increase the likelihood for an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season. Similar conditions have been producing more active seasons since the current

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Area Happenings

THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 373 will meet Saturday, June 13, at the Clayhatchee Community House at 9 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

THE JUNE 2020 MEETING FOR THE DAV WIRE-GRASS CHAPTER 92, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Town Park, located at 202 S. John's Street. Those attending are urged to bring an outdoor chair. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." — Albert Einstein

LAST THURSDAY MORNING . . . The number of confirmed virus deaths in the U.S. had surpassed 100,000. That is just a small portion of the 1.7 million confirmed cases of the coronavirus in America. The United States has had 28 percent of global deaths despite having only 4 percent of the world's population. Alabama's cases jumped to 18,246 this week, with a third of those cases (or 5,609) since the state relaxed restrictions. Health officials think the jump in cases is likely because of both increased testing and increased spread of the virus. The good news is that medical reports indicate 9,355 Alabama citizens are presumed to have recovered from the virus.

Those illness numbers above are disturbing but frankly not as disturbing as hearing of deaths from the virus right here in Elba, Ala. As we noted a couple of weeks ago, it hits home when you actually know someone with the virus. Even though deaths are a very small percentage of those struck with the bug, it shocks us even more when it is locals who are being added to the ever-growing death stats list. After talking with someone who worked closely with the person, or observed how this person led an inspiring life, then you are quickly back to that embarrassing question, "Why him/her Lord?"

We agree with the U. S. Supreme Court's rejection of the California church that claimed the strict rules imposed by states, particularly California, to curtail the spread of the coronavirus were illegal. In a 5 to 4 decision the Court supported the ban on gatherings, including churches. The court decision centered around balancing the public health crisis and the constitutional protection of religious freedom.

July 14th is the new date for the previously postponed 2020 Primary Run-Off Election in Alabama. There are only three (3) contested (Republican) races on the ballot. Two are statewide races and the third is a District 2 Representative race. They are a U S Senate seat, U. S. Representative seat for Alabama District 2, and a Court of Criminal Appeals seat. None of the six candidates seeking the nomination in the three mentioned races is doing any advertising, as far as we can see. Maybe their polling shows the voters have formed concrete opinions on who they will be voting for and the battle is over.

The national news media is quoting a person who responded to the rioting across America with this comment: "That's not going to bring my brother back." The comment was not from a politician, a journalist nor a white person who doesn't understand the issues. It was from the late George Floyd's brother, Terence, responding to rioting and looting that continues to take place in many cities and states. Folks we agree with this grieving brother. There are issues that are long overdue a solution but rioting, destroying property, including their own neighborhood stores, will never solve those issues. Solutions will only come when ALL segments of society sit down and work the kinks out of our everyday life and move forward united in our beliefs and actions.

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Elba's 4th of July event will be fireworks only this year

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns and need to continue to practice social distancing, Elba Chamber and City of Elba officials chose to limit this year's 4th of July event [Let Freedom Ring] be a fireworks only event this year. Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum said the Let Freedom Ring event has been highly attended in the past, and there were continued concerns of being able to keep proper social distancing for the crowd if the event was held as normal. Therefore, knowing the fireworks show is the main attraction of the event, it was decided to host only the fireworks this year.

Bynum said she submitted a plan to the Alabama Department of Public Health and the State Fire Marshal's Office to get approval to still host the fireworks event, and Elba was granted that approval provided that everyone practices proper social distancing. She said the request is that those attending this year's 4th of July fireworks show park and watch from their vehicles.

The fireworks show, presented by Mike Holderfield, will begin promptly at 9 p.m. on the 4th of July. The fireworks will be shot from the same downtown location as in past years, which will allow folks to park practically anywhere they choose in the downtown area and still be able to watch the beautiful display.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 26, and Monday, June 1, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, MAY 26 – Officers responded to a prowler complaint in area of 800 Block of Troy Hwy (1:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 318 Smith Ave (3:01 a.m.); Officers responded to a fire service call at 320 Old Samson Rd (9:53 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at the Elba Food Giant (11:16 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint on Ann St (11:23 a.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 725 County Rd 401 (5:24 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Sawyer St (5:32 p.m.). Also, on this date, there was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 – Officers responded to a domestic complaint at Regency Apartments (8:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident reported on Collier Circle (1:02 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 1771 County Rd 250 (10:19 p.m.). Also, on

this date, there were nine traffic stops reported with one written citation; six warnings, and two advice given.

THURSDAY, MAY 28 – Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Work Release facility (12:36 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (10:29 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1237 Jones Circle (12:01 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 359 Tucker Ave (5:27 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 615 Jackson Ave (6:50 p.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at the Elba Laundromat on Davis St (8:39 p.m.); Officers responded to suspicious circumstances on Buford St (10:08 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Williams Ave (11:21 p.m.). Also, on this date, there was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

FRIDAY, MAY 29 – Officers responded to an ATV complaint at 990 Hwy 203 and an arrest was made (3:15 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 2154

Taylor Mill Rd (10:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 934 County Rd 401 (1:59 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Simmons St (3:07 p.m.). Also, on this date, there was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

SATURDAY, MAY 30 – Officers responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Court Ave (2:45 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of theft of property at 826 County Rd 401 (11:32 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of burglary at 200 Brunson St (11:50 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at 1303 Highland Dr (6:39 p.m.); Officers assisted another agency at 14399 Hwy 84 (11:34 p.m.). Also, on this date, there were eight traffic stops with five warnings, one citation issued, one no

action taken, and one arrest.

SUNDAY, MAY 31 – Officers responded to a report of a gas drive off at the Inland store (11:26 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Hwy 166 (2:33 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a prowler on Adkinson Ave (8:53 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (9:47 p.m.). Also, on this date, there were eight traffic stops reported with three citations issued, four warnings, and one arrest.

MONDAY, JUNE 1 – Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1157 Morrow Ave (12:25 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 244 County Rd 502 (2:54 p.m.). Also, on this date, there were six traffic stops reported with all six receiving warnings.

Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Cuzin Lou Lou has quickly discovered over the past few months that being a 'puppy momma' is a lot harder than she ever anticipated...but, she would not trade it for anything now!

At times little Sophie is the sweetest little angel in the world. Other times, she is known as the household terrorist!

Sophie will be 4-months-old on Saturday! Cuzin Lou Lou decided earlier this week that equates to the terrible 2's of a toddler.

On Sunday, Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister set out on an afternoon adventure. Upon returning home, Sophie's excitement to see her mama was heartwarming, and it made Lou Lou smile from ear to ear.

"Only if everyone loved me as much as you do," Lou Lou said to her little angel.

Fast forward to Monday afternoon, and Lou Lou gets a phone call from Papa after he checked on that sweet little angel at home.

Yeah...not so much an angel anymore. Probably more like the Tasmanian devil!

Sweet little angel that Sophie is, Mama [aka Lou Lou] was positive letting her roam free in the house while alone would be no problem at all.

Joke was on Lou Lou! I think Sister could be heard laughing all across town Monday evening, much to Lou Lou's dismay.

Alter ego Sophie [household terrorist] decided to go

on a rampage Monday. She somehow managed to unplug a lamp and proceeded to chew the cord into pieces [said lamp was moved to the trash pile]. The kicker, though, was she managed to rearrange decorative stand in the family room of the house!

Sophie weighs 8 pounds! This stand with all the stuff on it, probably weighs double her weight or more, and she moved it from the corner of the room where it has been since the day Lou Lou moved into the house four years ago. When Papa found the path of destruction made by the little household terrorist, it was in the middle of the room (somehow still standing)!!

So, Lou Lou comes home and puts 'sweet angel' Sophie in her play pen, and zips it shut. Well...best she could because 'bless that baby' she has been teething and chewed one of the zippers where it no longer works properly.

Lou Lou was going to outsmart little Sophie and she used safety pins to close that part of the play pen where the little angel could play in her little space and not cause any more damage to the house.

Yeah... Once again...joke on Lou Lou.

Little eager beaver Sophie figured out a way to get the safety pins to pop open, and she escaped! This time even Papa laughed at Lou Lou.

As of this writing, Lou Lou is still contemplating exactly how to confine the sweet little angel by night turned household terrorist/escape artist by day. A new plan has been formulated, and fingers are crossed that this time Lou Lou has the upper hand.

Stay tuned on who wins the battle... sweet little Sophie or her struggling mama!

In case you have not figured it out by now, Sophie is the queen of the house and she knows it!! Until next time, wash your hands, keep smiling, and God Bless!

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9:00 P.M.
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FIREWORKS

Fourth of July
in Elba

ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Please social distance
View from your car

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Boothe said there had been issues with one of the trucks and it was in the shop for mechanical repairs.

Council members said they were hearing complaints about trash not being picked up in a timely manner as well as noticing it themselves. They asked the mayor would it not be feasible to offer overtime work to employees to allow for the trash pickup to get caught up.

The mayor was agreeable to the suggestion. Council members asked that city hall to consider having a trash truck running from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. each workday until things are caught up.

Council member Gappa Wise began a discussion with Police Chief Leslie Hussey regarding a recent issue of golf carts, ATV's and UTV's being driven on city streets.

Hussey said the biggest problem had been the ATV's and UTV's which run at a higher rate of speed than golf carts. He said golf carts were not the main concern.

However, Hussey explained that Alabama law currently does not distinguish between a golf cart and ATV/UTV. Therefore, as the law reads, all are illegal to operate on the roadway without the city passing some sort of ordinance to allow for use of golf carts in neighborhoods or some city street [as identified by said ordinance].

The way the law currently reads, with no city ordinance in place, he said it would not be appropriate to give leeway to one and not the other.

Wise wondered if the matter should be discussed further in a work session to possibly come up with a solution. Council member Jane Brunson concurred with a need for a work session.

The council set the work session for Thursday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. Work sessions are open to the public, but with COVID-19 safety protocols in place those who attend, it was decided, would need to keep 6-feet apart and wear a face mask while in attendance.

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Families rely on the food bank, especially during this difficult time. But food banks are running low and need our help! Non-perishable food items or monetary donations will be accepted from 8:00-12:00 at the Elba Farmers Market on Saturday, June 6th. The City of Elba Queens will be there to take your donations.

ONE CAN, TWO CAN, WHO CAN? YOU CAN!

COOPER (Continued from Page ONE)

ary. And they work for you, not the other way around."

Cooper will maintain a strong online presence throughout her campaign and her term in office. She is committed to remaining accessible and responsive. Her Facebook page is active and engaged at <https://www.facebook.com/Cooper-for-Mayor-2020-103000457920666/>, and her policy positions are available on her website, CooperForElba.com.

"That's what being mayor is all about," she said, "being a servant of the people. I'm here to get your work done. This is our city. Let's build a bright future together."

Critical to that future, Cooper said, is economic development.

"We have to promote and

support the small businesses and industry that have made the commitment to stay and grow in Elba," she said. "Their success is critical to Elba's success."

"I'm not here to make history," Cooper said of her announcement. "I'm here to make change."

Cooper shrugged off the idea of being Elba's first female mayor.

"This election isn't about me, or about the past. It's about Elba's future," she said. "And as a mother of two Elba children, I want to make sure this is a city they want to grow up in, build their careers in, raise their families in. I want Elba to build a lasting legacy."

Municipal elections across Alabama, including Elba, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25th.

Deadline to register to vote in July's Primary Run-Off Election is June 29th

Monday, June 29, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, 1065 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL. Requirements to register to vote are:

1. Person must be 18 years of age and a United States citizen; and
2. Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and
3. Person must not be barred from voting by reason of felony conviction; and
4. Person must not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 334-894-5347.

For further information contact: Coffee County Board of Registrars, 1065 East McKinnon Street, 6 County Complex, New Brockton, AL

To register to vote online, please visit alabamavotes.gov/vote.

One can also obtain a voter registration application at Driver License Offices, Libraries, and at Alabama Public Assistance offices such as Medicaid, WIC and DHR.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

CLARA MAE RODGERS

Mrs. Clara Mae Rodgers, age 88, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held June 2, 2020 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. John Grainger officiating. Burial followed in McGhee Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Joseph Rodgers; along with sons, Joseph E. Rodgers, and Jimmy Dean Rodgers; as well as two grandchildren, Brandy Danley, and Phillip Rodgers.

Survivors include her son: Jacky (Mary) Rodgers, New Brockton; daughters: Jessica (Tim) Bowers, Elba, Ala., June (Levarl) Wallace, Enterprise, Ala., Janet (Manfred) Skirde, Jennifer (Farrell) Kyser, and Jeanine (Matthew) Danley, all three of New Brockton, Julia (Michael) Sanders, Elba; along with numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

JAMES LARRY (J.J.) WALLACE JR

Mr. James Larry (J.J.) Wallace Jr., age 47, a resident of Hartford, Ala., died Saturday, May 30, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

"J.J." worked for the Coffee County Highway Department for many years prior to having to take a disability leave due to ongoing health issues.

Graveside services were held June 2, 2020 at the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Shawn Crosby officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested memorials be made to the Wise Mill Assembly of God Cemetery fund, c/o Chelita Hodge, 233 County Road 224, Elba, Alabama 36323.

J.J. was preceded in death by his mother, Ann Marler Wallace.

Survivors include his son: Jamie Wallace, Hartford; father: James Larry Wallace, Luverne, Ala.; sister: Fran (Neil) Hughes, Goshen, Ala.; brothers: Jason Wallace (DeAnn), Enterprise, Ala., and Macky Wallace, Glenwood, Ala.; nieces: Anna Hughes, Glenwood, Felicity Wallace, Enterprise, and Ruby Cherry, Hartford; nephews: Ben Hughes, Glenwood, William Wallace and Grason Wallace, both of Enterprise, and William Cherry, Hartford.

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In general, it is wise to avoid taking pictures at a funeral or a memorial service unless specifically asked to do so by the deceased's family. If you truly must get a picture of relatives at the service, do so outside of the building either before or after.

Should the family of the person who has passed ask you to take some pictures, be sensitive as you do so. This means photographing people in natural light instead of using a flash when possible. Your ultimate goal is to take the necessary pictures without disrupting those who are mourning at the service. Quietly circulate throughout the room and take your shots. Do not disrupt the experience so you can grab a picture.

Also bear in mind that many people will be crying and distressed at the funeral. Respect the difficulty of the situation and give these people privacy. Those in attendance should be allowed to have their private moments. In almost all instances, photographing the person who has passed is considered to be in extremely poor taste. Only do so if the family specifically asks you. If you are asked to take a picture of the person who has died, do so discreetly and without using the flash.

If you are in attendance at a funeral or a memorial service and are tempted to use your cell phone camera, think twice before you do so. If you think you have a valid reason for needing to photograph the event, you should still check with the family of the deceased, the funeral director, or a member of the clergy prior to beginning to take pictures. They can provide guidance about what they feel is and is not appropriate.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net

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GEORGE WAYNE BERRY

Mr. George Wayne Berry, age 80, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May 31, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala., due to complications of COVID-19.

Private graveside services will be held at New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery where he will be laid to rest beside his late wife, Shirley Ann Berry. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is in charge of arrangements.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Berry was preceded in death by two sons, James Levell Berry and Greg Berry, and by his parents, Fannie Merle and L.V. Berry.

Survivors include his sons: Johnny (Eulene) Berry, Elba, and Andy (Tracy) Berry, Ozark, Ala.; brothers: Billy (Janet) Berry, Ricky (Linda) Berry, and a sister: Gail (Edward) Morris, all of Elba; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; along with several nieces and nephews.

KAYLUN M. GRAY

Mr. Kaylun M. Gray, age 21, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in Crestview, Fla.

Kaylun was born June 11, 1998.

Those wanting to show support to the family may send flowers directly to the family or by planting a memorial tree in memory of Kaylun M. Gray.

He was preceded in death by his father, Terry Goosby, and grandparents, Lillie Mae Rodgers and Angela Melissa Gray.

Survivors include his mother: Kabreshia Gray, Elba; three siblings: Terriun Goosby, Terriyana Goosby, and Kaitlyn Horstead, all of Elba; aunts and uncles: Jessica Pitts, James Pitts Jr., Jaquinta Knighton, Laderis Gray, and Tara Phillips; grandparents: Annie Dean Craighead and Eloise Goosby, both of Elba; a host of cousins; and a special and beloved girlfriend: Akya Shania Dawson, Opp, Ala.

LINDA HILL

Mrs. Linda G. Hill, age 63, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, May 25, 2020.

She was born Jan. 4, 1957 to the late Robert Coleman and Everett Lee Aske of Elba. She attended school at Mulberry Heights.

Funeral services were held May 30, 2020 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral

Home in Elba.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; brother and sister-in-law, John and Icylean Aske, and sister and brother-in-law, Juanita and Jessie Robinson.

Survivors include her husband: Jerry Hill; eight children: Eric (Lykeesa) Hill, Tyron (Natasha) Hill, Sandra (Ben) Thomas, Juanita (Jeremiah) Brown, Jerry Hill Jr., Tamika (Ryan) Blue, Amber (Michael) Burks, Antonio Hill; her stepson: De'Andre Hill; her sisters: Mary (Tommy) Robinson and Mamie Speed; a host of grandchildren; her nieces and nephews; sisters and brothers-in-law; along with special friends: Dottie Strickland, Deacon Morris, Sis Porter, Mother Sullivan, and Mother McGaw.

BRENT W. BEDSOLE

Mr. Brent W. Bedsole, age 61, a resident of Dothan, Ala., died Saturday, May 30, 2020, at Westside Terrace in Dothan.

Private graveside services will be held at New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., directing. The family asked that flowers be omitted, and those wishing to make memorials do so to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his mother: Doris Marie Bedsole; brothers: Randy (Pamela) Bedsole, Dothan, Glenn D. (Linda) Bedsole, Montgomery, Ala., J. Wendell (Pamela) Bedsole, Pell City, Ala.; and a sister: Angela Marie Watson, Roswell, Ga.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1 Kings 14:25-27 records some really sad words: "In the fifth year of King Rehoboam's reign, King Shishak of Egypt came up and attacked Jerusalem. He ransacked the treasuries of the Lord's Temple and the royal palace; he stole everything, including all the gold shields Solomon had made. King Rehoboam later replaced them with bronze shields as substitutes..." So many lessons here.

We all have "treasures." No, not your banking institution. This is a safe place deeply within your soul, where you safeguard God's intangible blessings. Things deposited there are a result of your love for God, and your carefully cultivated relationship and consistent walk with him. Many times, these treasures have developed over years. Problem is, carelessness can open the doors of our treasures. When that happens, a waiting enemy seizes the opportunity to invade, and steal our treasures. Note that when the King of Egypt ransacked Rehoboam's treasuries, he was unmerciful. He stole... "everything." Satan, our spiritual enemy, will do the same. Jesus warned that "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy." (John 10:10)

Careless leads to compromise. Because Rehoboam allowed the enemy in, the treasured gold shields of his father were stolen. This led to Rehoboam's compromise of bronze shields being used instead. He could have rationalized his compromise, and probably did. After all: didn't the bronze shields look like the gold shields? They would work okay, wouldn't they? Not really. Truth is, all that glitters isn't gold. Bronze might be flashy. Bronze might be impressive. But bronze isn't as pure, which means that it isn't as valuable.

If we let our enemy steal our treasures, we can get by for a while. We can compensate. We can even fool people. But after a while, the bronze will begin to tarnish, and the truth will be known. The solution? Stay pure. Don't compromise. Guard your treasures from the thief.

Christian Mission conducting drive-thru food distribution at its local area centers

The Christian Mission Centers has been blessed with an abundance of food during these compromised days.

In an effort to meet the needs of the communities that are served locally by Christian Mission Centers, the organization will host a drive-thru food distribution at all locations beginning Tuesday, June 2nd.

The schedule is as follows

- Enterprise Location (231 Geneva Hwy)-Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

- Geneva Location (801 East Town Ave.)-Tuesdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

- Elba Location (342 North Court St.)-Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Recipients may receive one box per week, and up to two gallons of milk. All CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Newbia Baptist Church's building closed currently due to COVID-19

Newbia Baptist Church recently returned to hosting in-person church services after Governor Kay Ivey relaxed the COVID-19 public safety guidelines that allowed church services to again be held inside the buildings, if desired. Of course, continued social distancing measures were still in place.

However, after it was learned last Sunday, May 31, that a person associated with the church had tested positive for the coronavirus, the decision immediately was made to close the church building until further notice, according to church leadership. This decision was made for the safety of the membership and in an attempt to prevent further

spread of the virus.

Updates on the status of services for Newbia can be found on the church's Facebook page (@ Newbia Baptist Church).

Basin Baptist Church reminds all to tune in Sunday mornings on Facebook for church

Basin Baptist Church has altered its presentation of Sunday Morning Worship to be able to still bring the Word of God to its people.

Until the church is able to safely reopen the church building for its regular services, Basin Baptist Church will continue offering a Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. on its public Facebook page (look for Basin Baptist Church).

Round and About with Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The safety of the faithful [Psalm 4:1-8]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mamie Belcher, Helen Thigpen, Mae Sue Dawson, Alan J. Belcher, Emily Newman, Betty Moore, Shambria Samuel, Juanita Jackson, Georgia Nelson

June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Rev. Timothy Williams 6/1 Charveha Williams Watson 6/1

Jean Waters Trocman 6/1 Ariel Malai Hutchinson 6/2 Angel Whitfield 6/2 Mienundra Banks 6/2

Eric Coleman 6/2 Mamie Belcher 6/3 Lorinzer (Red) Cole 6/4

Marion R. Jones 6/5 Kimberly D. Kelley 6/5 Greg and Kenya Martin 6/5

W.A. Burlive Jones 6/6 (in memory)

Tommy and Mary H. Robinson 6/6 W.A.

** Preconceptions

What a frustrating thing it is to attempt to get people to try something that we know will be good for them, only to have them say, "I'll try it, but I know I'm not going to like it." Sometimes they are pleasantly surprised, and our pleas and assurances are vindicated. But too often, our good intentions are wasted as a biased attitude refuses to give the item a fair chance. "How can anyone be so closed-minded?" We wonder - that is, until we recall those occasions when our preconceived notions turned out to be just as mistaken.

The gospel of Jesus Christ deserves a fair hearing. With no bias or prejudice, lest a truly good thing be lost. At the same time, we who are followers of Jesus should determine that nothing we say or do will cause others to be biased against Him. We must, by our conduct,

lead others closer to Jesus, not drive them farther away from Him.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 5/28/2020

Q: What request did the thief on the cross ask of Jesus?

A: Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom. [read Luke 23: 42]

Q: What words of greeting did Jesus speak when He appeared to His disciples after His resurrection?

A: "Peace to You." [read Luke 24: 36]

Thought to Remember

In uncertain times God remembers His promises.

Questions for the Week of 6/4/2020

Multiple Choice

Q: Simeon was said to have been waiting for the (disciples), (warriors), or (consolation of Israel)

Q: In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from one of the prophets, which one? (John), (Isaiah), or (Luke)

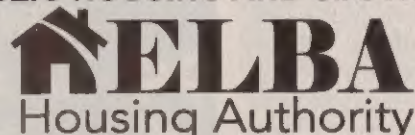
Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

AA/NA meetings

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

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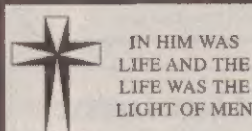
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ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senna, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Enfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METH-ODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bib. Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

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Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 a.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 a.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:0

LIFESTYLES



ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 PRESENTED A 50-YEAR PIN Thursday, May 28, 2020, to Jimmy John Kelley (center) of Jack, Ala. The pin was presented by District Lecture Brother Billy Wilkerson (left) and Mr. Kelley was officially pinned by his daughter, Stacey Kelley Flowers (right). Mr. Kelley's brother also received a 50-Year Pin during this ceremony.



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Elba Public Library reopens by appointment only

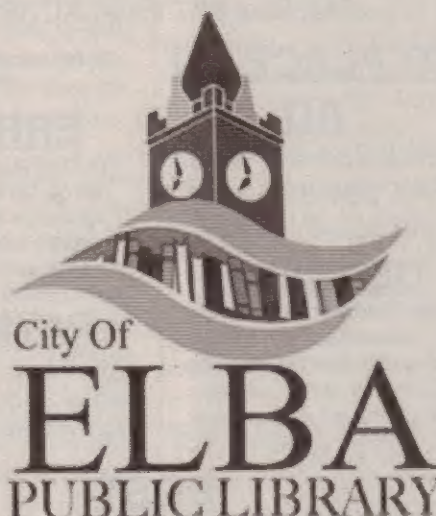
The Elba Public Library reopened Monday, June 1, by appointment only.

While all library services have resumed, library director Jennifer Amlong said there would be no programming, group meetings or rental of the community room currently. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

"Thank you for your understanding these last few months," said Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong. "We are excited to see everyone!"

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2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show now slated for Saturday, July 11, in Elba, AL

The 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show received new life recently as the date for the event was rescheduled to Saturday, July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled both times. Event organizers are optimistic the new July date will now happen!

This event is hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers group, and all proceeds from the car show are donated to benefit the Elba Public Library.

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, which is held on the square in downtown Elba, will feature cars and trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts vendors on site throughout the event.

Admission to the public is free!

For those interested in showing their vehicle in the show, there is a \$20 entry fee, and registration is from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the show. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

For more information about entering a vehicle, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505; and for more information about arts and crafts contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613. Follow the Foggy Bottom

Cruisers on Facebook - @foggybottomcruisers.

NOTICE:

On Tuesday, July 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. a public testing of the DS-200 voting machines to be used in the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election will be conducted at the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy 84W, New Brockton.

The public test is open to the general public and is invited to attend. This public testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

Lifestyles News is Due on Mondays!

Alabama's new missing and endangered person alert took effect this week

Governor Kay Ivey signed into law an expanded version of Alabama's Missing Senior Alert, now to be known as the Missing and Endangered Person Alert, which became effective Monday, June 1.

Currently, the Missing Senior Alert may be issued for missing citizens with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and at risk of bodily harm or death. The newly expanded alert also will include individuals ages 18 and older who have a mental or physical disability and who are at risk of bodily harm or death.

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "In the past, our Alabama Fusion Center has faced the challenge of how to alert the public when a missing individual is too old to meet the criteria for an AMBER or Emergency Missing Child Alert and too young to meet the criteria for a Missing Senior Alert."

According to Alzheimer's of Central Alabama, wandering is a danger for 60 percent of those living with Alzheimer's. The organization recognizes the need to include anyone ages 18 and older who has a mental or physical disability and who is at risk of bodily harm or death in the state's new Missing and Endangered Person Alert.

The new Missing and Endangered Person alert is one of four alerts administered by the Fusion Center, a unit within ALEA's State Bureau of Investigation, at the request of law enforcement agencies. The list of alerts also includes:

- **AMBER Alert:** for a child ages 17 and younger who has been abducted and is believed to be in danger of serious bodily injury or death

- **Emergency Missing Child Alert:** for a child ages 17 and younger who is missing (not abducted) and believed to be in danger of serious bodily injury or death

- **Blue Alert:** for a peace officer who is missing, injured or killed and the at-large suspect is believed to be a serious threat to the public



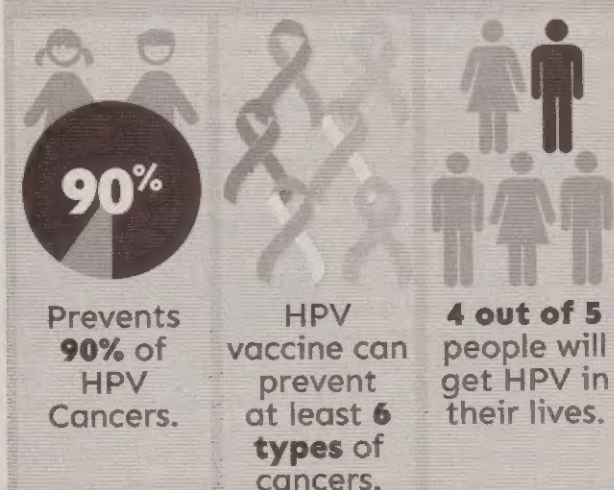
FOUR FRIENDS THAT ATTENDED ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S PRE-K PROGRAM for the 2019-2020 school year celebrated their graduation from the program recently. While graduation was different for this group in that COVID-19 public safety restrictions forced the school to conduct a 'drive-up' graduation ceremony, these four grads were able to capture a moment together afterwards. Now, they are ready for Kindergarten in the fall! Congrats to Carter Kelley, Kennedy Nelson, Ahna Carpenter, and Kyrian Hammonds.

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Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites citizens to visit the election website. While there one can:

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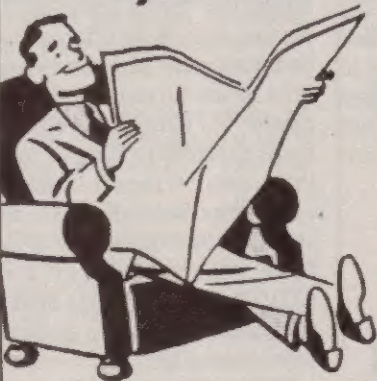
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CEC conducts annual meeting business by mail & online

As an active member of the community, Covington Electric Co-op takes great pride in the success of its annual meeting.

Many CEC members look forward to coming together each year to conduct business and enjoy entertainment and prizes. Since this year's CEC annual meeting gathering was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the co-op's business was handled in a new way.

All CEC members received election ballot packets in the mail in late April and they had until May 26, to cast their vote in the board election and to provide input on whether the co-op should participate in bringing high-speed broadband to its service area. The confidential ballot process was conducted through an independent tabulator.

CEC had two board seats up for election which included the districts of Enterprise and Samson. The Enterprise board seat was left vacant with the passing of long-time CEC board member James F. Martin Jr., in March. Two candidates, John B. Carter and Trey Martin, ran for

the Enterprise board seat. The incumbent for the Samson board seat, Patricia Janasky, ran unopposed.

Just over 22 percent of the co-op membership participated in the board election this year with 4,175 members casting their votes. Trey Martin was elected as the board trustee for the Enterprise district, Patricia Janasky was re-elected for the Samson district, and 87.8 percent of participants expressed their support for CEC working to bring high-speed broadband to its service area. More details about this effort will be shared with the CEC membership through Alabama Living magazine in the coming months.

Even though CEC could not hold an in-person gathering for their annual meeting, the co-op was still able to conduct important business and they also awarded participation prizes. Winners were randomly drawn through an electronic process conducted by the independent tabulator. Three \$2,500 bill credits were awarded as the top three major participation

prizes to Jeanette G. Hudson of Enterprise, Marlene B. Willis of Elba and D.L. Manning of Dozier. Kent Davis of Dozier was the winner of \$600 cash, Bobby Crowell of Enterprise won \$500 cash, and Tim Bryan of Andalusia won \$400 cash.

Other prize winners were as follows: Five members won \$300 cash—Amanda Hayes, Roy Hart, Roger Chris Griggs, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, and Mary McPherson. Five members won \$200 cash—Thomas L. Hudson, Mona Tucker, Stevie Allen Tolver, Barbara Kring and Robert Bridgewater. Ten members won \$100 cash—Virginia Ann Plouff, Eladio Perez Jr., Luis Valle, Cliff Bryon Brunson, Shelia Goodson, John R. McMillan Jr., David Chappell, Tim Donaldson, Michael or Charlotte Dauphin, and Damacus Church. Ten members won \$50 cash—Jody C. Daughtrey, Harry Davis, Phillip Farris, William Beck, Cindy D. Odom, Ashberry Landfill, Johnny Pippin, Linda Gunn, Professional Harvester, and South Alabama Gun Club.

Enterprise State Community College and Alabama Aviation College plan for future

Using four target areas of people, programs, facilities and community, Enterprise State Community College and the Alabama Aviation College are continuing to grow while preparing for a time when students can return to campus.

When campuses closed March 17, instruction and student support services transitioned online.

"It has been really impressive to see our instructors meet the challenge of transitioning to an online environment," Dean of Instruction Danny Long said. "They kept their focus on meeting the needs of our students without jeopardizing the quality of instruction. Our faculty is the heart and soul of our College, and they give the administration of the College confidence that we can meet any challenges we may be faced with in the future."

The transition to online learning was a smooth one, according to ESCC President Matt Rodgers, because of the hard work and patience of the employees and students.

"I commend the faculty and staff at Enterprise State and the Aviation College for their hard work during this time, and I am proud of the great attitudes of our students as they adapted to the changes," he said.

Academic courses were completed online this spring semester. Technical classes, like those offered at the AAC campus, were ultimately suspended until hands-on training could be completed. No date has been set for students to return to campus to complete their spring semester training.

Rodgers said there is an understanding that the needs of the workforce could change as a result of COVID-19, a challenge both Colleges will rise to meet when students can return to campus.

"We realize that colleges will have to be flexible," Rodgers said. "This is a new day and age where people will need to be re-trained or receive new training in a different field. We will use the resources available to us to offer the type of training people need to help get people back to work in the safest manner possible."

Academic courses will continue to be offered exclusively online at ESCC for the summer semester, with classes in areas like business, computer

science, English and math. Two mechatronics courses will also be offered online this summer for any interested in starting the program. Long said ESCC plans to continue to offer a multitude of online academic course options in the future.

Currently, there are about 100 more students enrolled in summer academic classes at ESCC than last year at this time, an increase that Rodgers attributes to the work of "a great student services team." Summer registration will continue until May 26, the first day of classes for the summer semester. Students can visit esc.edu/admission to apply.

ESCC's Adult Education Program is also offering online classes. This program helps students become career ready through classes designed to help adult learners improve their academic and life skills. Students can request more information at <http://esc.edu/AESAP/> or learn more about the Adult Education Program at esc.edu/adult-education.

To prepare for the return of students and employees, ESCC/AAC created a task force to develop an extensive COVID-19 Mitigation Plan that continues to evolve based on information provided by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Gov. Kay Ivey's Office and local medical professional Dr. Beverly Jordan.

Dr. Beverly Jordan, a physician with Professional Medical Associates in Enterprise, complimented the College's administration on their preparations.

"I have been very impressed by the work of the administration at ESCC in their preparation to reopen the campus to on site instruction," Jordan said. "They have been welcoming of medical and public health opinions and are clearly prioritizing the needs of their students and faculty."

As part of the Mitigation Plan, both Colleges have purchased plexiglass safety shields for employees, developed clear sanitation plans and cleaning protocols for both campuses, and placed appropriate signage on both campuses. Students and employees will be required to complete an online COVID-19 training course and wear

PPEs in campus buildings while maintaining social distancing guidelines. AAC instructors have also been working to prepare classrooms and labs to be in compliance with new social distancing guidelines for the day students can return to campus for training.

"Reopening our campuses will not be an event," Rodgers said. "It will be a process that requires much care and planning to ensure its success. Our primary concern is the safety of our faculty, staff and students. We also want to make sure all of our people are properly trained and equipped. We are taking every possible measure to create the safest environment possible for both of our campuses."

While ESCC/AAC prepare for the return of students to campus, renovation projects to learning facilities and a beautification project to ESCC's courtyard are currently in progress or in the pre-construction stages.

At ESCC, bathroom upgrades in Wallace Administration Building are complete. Renovations to Sessions Hall, which houses the College's science and math classes, are ongoing, and a courtyard beautification project was recently approved, with work starting May 18. Both the Sessions Hall and courtyard project are expected to be completed this fall.

At AAC, renovations to the Rufus Barnett Building have been approved, with work expected to begin in the fall. Once renovations are complete, this building will have a new lobby, testing rooms, classrooms, offices, restrooms and a new engine overhaul lab.

Other projects, like a new CDL canopy and renovations to the AAC Learning Resource Center, are also in the pre-planning stages.

The ultimate goal of all the projects and preparations, according to Rodgers, is to make sure ESCC/AAC continue to serve their communities during uncertain times.

"Through the good times and the bad, we stand ready to serve," Rodgers said. "We view our role as critical in the recovery process of this pandemic, and we take pride in being the community's college. We are thankful for the support we receive, and we will continue to serve our community in any way we can."

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both my daughters headed down to the beach over the weekend in an attempt to soak up some sun before summer workouts begin in the days to come with their teams. Lawson still doesn't like to get up early, but was up with the birds the day of the trip and was more than ready to get some sand between his toes and ride the waves. Nanny and granddaddy sat out this weekend's trip, but may join them before the summer ends for one last trip to the beaches.

For what it is worth....

*** Summer workouts have started at high school all across the state and hopefully that means some things are beginning to get back to normal. Teams can't actually practice until late-July, but can work on team and individual skills and can also get in the weight room and on the track to get in shape before the hard work actually begins. Here at Elba, new head football coach Marc Sieving was a little more than excited when we talked over the weekend about the start of workouts. He made the time to meet his players and get to know what makes them tick before school closed back in March, and feels like everyone will be on the same page once they all get back together. His biggest concern is the time it will take to install the team's new offensive and defensive schemes. Having ten days in spring would have certainly helped put in the basic of the new schemes, but the players have been introduced to the new plans over social media and should at least have an idea of what to do and where to go once they hit the field. With changes happening almost daily due to the pandemic, Coach Sieving wisely put together a plan just for the month of June, and will make changes for the months to come as guidelines and instructions come from national and state leaders. I know times have changed forever and what was the norm in the past may be in the past, forever, but just the fact the high school players and coaches are back together working toward the beginning of a new season pumps new hope and excitement into us all.

*** It is interesting to read about the plans discussed by the professional sports leagues dealing with the opening of their seasons. Golf is scheduled to begin in two weeks with no fans, while baseball is eyeing a start in early July and the NBA hopes to get back on the court in late July. I cannot understand the plans to get back with no fans in the stands in baseball and basketball. Certainly there is someone that can write a computer program that will seat fans from different groups the magic 'six feet' apart to alleviate health issues. This will obviously cut back in the number of fans at games, but would still allow at least a third of the number of fans usually at the games to be there in person. As I have written before, if this disease is going to be here forever, let's just make plans to keep on going and make the best of our lives. Common sense works wonders, and I believe we all have enough common sense to do what is best for us all.

Free fishing day is set for
June 13 across the state

On Saturday, June 13, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater.

Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 6-14. The event allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license.

"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement and a free saltwater angler registration. For more information, visit www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/salt-water-recreational-size-creel-limits.

State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of www.outdooralabama.com.



dooralabama.com.

ADCNR strongly encourages everyone to observe Alabama's current State Health Order and to practice CDC recommendations regarding hand washing and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Parks, State Lands, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

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Summer workouts begin

Elba Tigers back on the prowl

High school athletes in all sports will return to the fields and courts all across the state of Alabama this week to begin summer workouts, and at Elba High new head football coach Marc Sieving is excited to get back with his players and coaches to begin preparations for the upcoming season.

"I was only here for two weeks before the schools closed back in March and can't wait to get with my team and get back to work," stated Sieving. "We had maybe five workouts back in the spring and I did get to know the players names, and learned a lot about the kind of people they are. At the same time they learned a lot about me as a coach and as a person, and I believe we will all be ready to get back to work."

"It's been ten weeks since the players and coaches have been able to meet together in person," added Sieving, "but we have been together on ZOOM a couple of times a week and have given the players a daily individual workout schedule

and have even gone over some film and instructional videos dealing with our offensive and defensive schemes for the coming season. The workouts they have been doing will be nothing like the workouts we will be doing this week, but hopefully will have the players in condition to get back to work. I believe all the players have a good grasp of the program we hope to build here at Elba and believe we are all on the same team."

While mandatory workouts will not start until July 27, Coach Sieving stated his plan is for the month of June, only, and will make changes as the summer progresses.

"I have a plan to get us through June and will then reevaluate it based on what we have been able to accomplish and any changes the state may make over the summer," added Sieving. "Our plan is for all players in grades seven through

twelve to workout together four days a week. We will lift weights and condition from 8:00 am until 9:00 am every day and then go outside for an hour. All players will work together for two weeks, and then we will cut back on the hours for the younger players. We will follow all guidelines from the AHSAA and will wear masks whenever needed and will always follow social distancing guidelines. We will provide the players with additional hand washing stations and will encourage all players to bring their own water bottles. If they have masks they will be allowed to wear their own masks, but we will have masks available for any of the players that don't have their own."

"Our plan is to workout for one hour on strength and conditioning and then rotate groups to allow everyone to get in a complete workout," said Sieving. "When we head outside we will work on the basics of our offense and defense. Installing the offense and defense is a main focus since we missed spring training, and we will do everything possible to



MARC SIEVING

get in as much as possible within the time restrictions allowed. We are going to work hard each and every day, but will do what is best for all the players. I know the players and know what kind of young men they are, and expect them to work hard. We have a good group of seniors and a good group of leaders, and this is their time."

"We have a good group of coaches that have been working for a long time to develop a plan," added Sieving, "and I believe we will all rise to the challenge and improve each and every day to mold into a team."

Now is time to register to hunt alligators in Alabama

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) opened online registration for the state's regulated alligator hunts on June 2, at 8 a.m. Registration must be completed by 8 a.m., July 8.

A total of 260 Alligator Possession Tags will be distributed among five hunting zones. The administrative fee to apply for an Alligator Possession Tag is \$22 and individuals may register one time per zone. While the tag is free, the selected hunters and their assistants are required to have valid hunting licenses in their possession while hunting.

Only Alabama residents and Alabama lifetime license holders ages 16 years or older may apply for tags. Alabama lifetime license holders may apply for an Alligator Possession Tag even if they have moved out of the state.

To register for the 2020 alligator hunts, visit www.outdooralabama.com/alligators/alligator-hunting-season-alabama during the registration period listed above.

Hunters will be randomly selected by computer to receive one Alligator Possession Tag each (the tags are non-transferable). The random selection process will utilize a preference point system. The system increases the likelihood of repeat registrants being selected for a hunt as long as the applicant continues to apply. The more years an applicant participates in the registration, the higher the likelihood of being selected. If an applicant does not register for the hunt in a given year or is selected and accepts a tag for a hunt, the preference point status is forfeited.

Applicants can check their selection status on July 8, after 12 p.m., at <https://publichunts.dcnr.a>

alabama.gov/public. Those selected to receive a tag must confirm their acceptance online by 8 a.m., July 15. After that date, alternates will be notified to fill any vacancies. Applicants drawn for the hunt are required to complete an online Alligator Training Course prior to accepting their hunter/alternate status. The official course will be available on the applicant's status page upon login.

If selected for an Alligator Possession Tag at two or more locations, hunters must choose which location they would like to hunt. The slot for locations not chosen will be filled from a list of randomly selected alternates.

Hunting zones, total tags issued per zone and hunt dates are as follows:

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA ZONE - 100 Tags

Locations: Private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties north of interstate 10, and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke and Monroe counties east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84. **2020 Dates:** Sunset on August 13, until sunrise on August 16. Sunset on August 20, until sunrise on August 23.

COASTAL ZONE - 50 Tags

Locations: Private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties south of Interstate 10. **2020 Dates:** Sunset on August 13, until sunrise on August 16. Sunset on August 20, until sunrise on August 23.

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA ZONE - 40 Tags

Locations: Private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties south of Interstate 10. **2020 Dates:** Sunset on August 13, until sunrise on August 16. Sunset on August 20, until sunrise on August 23.

WEST CENTRAL ALABAMA ZONE - 50 Tags

Locations: Private and public waters in Monroe (north of U.S. Highway 84), Wilcox and Dallas counties. **2020 Dates:** Sunset on August 13, until sunrise on August 16. Sunset on August 20, until sunrise on August 23.

LAKE EUFALA ZONE - 20 Tags

Locations: Public state waters only in the Walter F. George Reservoir/Lake Eu-

faula and its navigable tributaries, south of Alabama Highway 208 at Omaha Bridge (excludes Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge). **2020 Dates:** Sunset August 14, until sunrise October 5.

Each person receiving an Alligator Possession Tag will be allowed to harvest one alligator during the season. An 8-foot minimum length requirement is in effect for alligators harvested in the Lake Eufaula Zone. There is no minimum length for hunts in the other zones. The use of bait is prohibited. All alligator harvests must be immediately tagged with the temporary Alligator Possession Tag and reported as directed for each Zone. The permanent Alligator Possession Tag will be distributed after the hunt by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division personnel.

Hunting hours are official sunset to official sunrise in the Southwest, Coastal, Southeast and West Central Zones. For the Lake Eufaula Zone, hunting is allowed both daytime and nighttime hours. All Alabama hunting and boating regulations must be followed.

The American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*)

is the largest reptile in North America and can exceed 14 feet in length and 1,000 pounds. Known for its prized meat and leather, the species was threatened with extinction due to unregulated harvest during the 1920s, 30s and 40s. No regulations existed in those days to limit the number of alligators harvested. In 1938, it is believed that Alabama was the first state to protect alligators by outlawing these unlimited harvests. Other states soon followed and, in 1967, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service placed the American alligator on the endangered species list. By 1987, the species was removed from the endangered species list and the alligator population has continued to expand. Its history illustrates an excellent conservation success story.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

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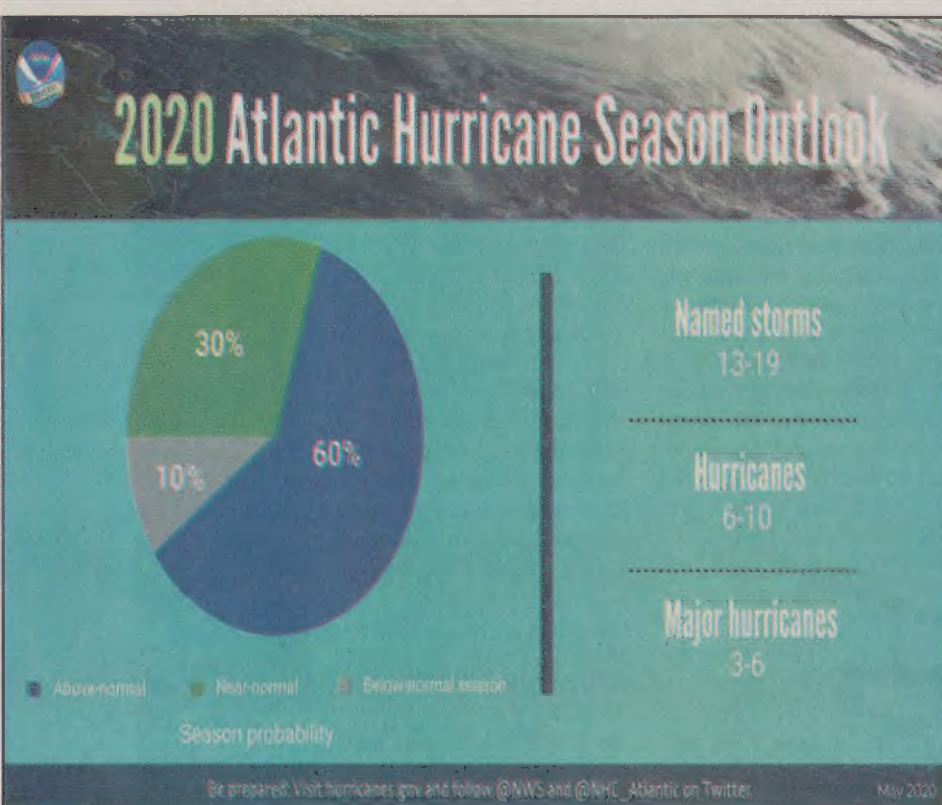


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high-activity era began in 1995.

"NOAA's analysis of current and seasonal atmospheric conditions reveals a recipe for an active Atlantic hurricane season this year," said Neil Jacobs, Ph.D., acting NOAA administrator. "Our skilled forecasters, coupled with upgrades to our computer models and observing technologies, will provide accurate and timely forecasts to protect life and property."

As with every hurricane season, the need to be prepared is critically important this year.

"Social distancing and other CDC guidance to keep you safe from COVID-19 may impact the disaster preparedness plan you had in place, including what is in your go-kit, evacuation routes, shelters and more. With tornado season at its peak, hurricane season around the corner, and flooding, earthquakes and wildfires a risk year-round,

it is time to revise and adjust your emergency plan now," said Carlos Castillo, acting deputy administrator for resilience at FEMA. "Natural disasters won't wait, so I encourage you to keep COVID-19 in mind when revising or making your plan for you and your loved ones, and don't forget your pets. An easy way to start is to download the FEMA app today."

Hurricane preparedness is critically important for the 2020 hurricane season, just as it is every year. Visit the National Hurricane Center's website at hurricanes.gov throughout the season to stay current on any watches and warnings.

The 2020 hurricane season officially opened Monday with tropical depression three already active. Tropical Depression 3 was located in the lower parts of the Gulf of Mexico earlier in the week.



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Elba City Schools excited to add additional Pre-K classroom for 2020-2021 school year

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education recently announced the nationally-recognized, high quality Alabama First Class Pre-K program would add 55 new classrooms this fall.

As a result of the selection process, Elba City Schools (ECS) was chosen out of 123 classroom applications to receive a \$120,000 grant to start a second Pre-K classroom.

Due to the additional classroom, seven to ten more student slots are available and ECS is excited to make this addition available to the community.

"In order to take advantage of this opportunity, complete the online registration for your child at <https://alprek.asapconnected.com>," said Kenya Martin, Elba Elementary School counselor.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before September 1, 2020* who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for kinder-

garten are ineligible). Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to the local school/program).

There is no registration fee for this program, and no child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

This program is currently set to start on August 6, 2020. There will be a parent/student orientation set for July 30, 2020.

Parents will receive more information in their orientation letter that will be mailed approximately two weeks prior. The Registration Parent Guide* will offer detailed information to assist in the registration process.

"The faculty and staff of Elba Elementary are excited and look forward to meeting you!" Martin said.

*Please note step 15 of the Registration Parent Guide is not applicable.

FIRST CLASS PRE-K
Alabama's Voluntary Pre-K Program
PRE-REGISTRATION PARENT GUIDE

- NOTE: If you already have an email address, skip to step 5.** You must have a valid email address to pre-register. If you do not already have a valid email address, open a Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or other web browser on a computer, tablet, laptop, or smartphone.
- In the address field at the top of the screen, type in accounts.google.com/signup and hit Enter.
- Enter your First and Last Name in the displayed fields.
- Type your desired username under **Choose your username**. Your email address will be your username followed by "@gmail.com" which is already typed for you. Enter a password for your Gmail account under both **Create a password** and **Confirm your password**.
- Enter your birth date and gender in the fields provided. Skip to the bottom and click **Next step**. Scroll to the end of the **Privacy and Terms** and click **I Agree**.
- You may be asked to **verify your account**. If so, enter a phone number and indicate whether you wish to receive a **verification code** by a text message or voice phone call, then click **Continue**.
- When you receive the verification code, enter it and click **Continue**. You will receive a welcome message stating your newly created email address.
- To begin pre-registration, open a Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or other web browser on a computer, tablet, laptop, or smartphone.
Note: As you fill in pre-registration information, type carefully using correct capital and lowercase letters. The information you enter will go directly into our database.
- In the address field at the top of the screen, type in alprek.asapconnected.com and hit Enter. (Do not use "www" in the address.) You will see the First Class Pre-K Online Pre-Registration welcome page. **Carefully read** the information provided, then click the link at the bottom to go to the next page.
- Read the additional information provided carefully, then select the **Create An Account** button. Each family may create **only one** account.
- Fill in required fields about your family with **correct** information. An error message will display if all required fields are not completed. Those with red asterisks beside them are required.
- You may upload **proof of residence** (current utility bill or copy of lease or mortgage). If you do not, you must deliver a copy to each school/program for which you pre-register.
- At the **Create Your Login Info** section, enter a valid email address and create a password for your Pre-Registration Account.
- Next, provide the First Name of the child you are pre-registering as it appears on the **Birth Certificate**. You may pre-register an eligible sibling by clicking the **Add Another Child** button. Click **Next**.
- Fill in required fields about the child with correct information. You will repeat this process for each child you are pre-registering.
- Note that you may upload a copy of your child's **birth certificate**. If you do not, you must deliver a copy as proof of age to each school/program for which you pre-register. When fields are complete, click **Next**.
- After you have entered information for each child you are pre-registering, you will be asked to carefully review what you have entered, and will be given the opportunity to edit and correct any mistakes. **Please ensure that names and addresses have been entered correctly.**
- Click the **Select** button at the bottom of the screen to begin selecting the schools/programs for which you wish to pre-register.
- Carefully read the **directions** provided for selecting schools/programs.
- Select one or more **counties** from the green drop-down menu at the top left of the screen, then scroll down to view the list of schools/programs available in the county or counties you selected.
Note that the program type and address of each school/program is provided.
- Click the **Register Now** button beside each school/program you are interested in having your child attend. *Note: If registering for a public school, verify with the school system that your residence meets its zoning requirements before selecting that location.*
- After each selection, you will have the opportunity to continue selecting schools/programs or to check out. After all desired programs have been selected, click the button to proceed to **Checkout**.
- On the **Pre-Registration Summary** page, read the information provided and make corrections as needed.
- Then click the **Continue Checkout** button at the bottom of the page.
- If you wish, click the **Print Confirmation** button to keep a record of your pre-registrations.
- To finalize your pre-registration, you must click the **Log Out** button at the bottom of the confirmation page. Once this is done, you will receive an email confirmation of your pre-registration.
- What happens next?**
All First Class Pre-K programs will hold their random drawings between the dates of **March 1st and 31st**. Programs will draw names to fill their available positions, then continue drawing names to determine the order of names to go on the waiting list.
During the week of April 15th, families will receive emails notifying them of their child's pending (selected for an available position) or **waitlisted** status for each program they selected. This notice will go to the email address provided at pre-registration. For each program in which the child was chosen for an available position, the parent/guardian should contact the director of the program to accept or decline the position.

For the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election in Alabama

Deadline to apply for absentee ballot is Thursday, July 9th

Thursday, July 9, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply for absentee ballots for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton, Coffee County Courthouses, and online at www.coffeecountyvotes.com. The Absentee Election Manager is Linda Mills her mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL 36351. Physical location is 1065 East McKinnon Street, 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama. Telephone number: 334-894-1100.

Any qualified voter may

submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons;

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.
- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.
- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a

member of the United States Armed Forces, or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Alabama voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may receive additional information by contacting the Board of Registrars office or the office of the Alabama Secretary of State for expanded options

Completed ballots must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, Alabama 36351 no later

than one day prior to the election, or if mailed through the United States Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election.

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